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For: PHOTOCATALYTIC POWDER, PHOTOCATALYTIC SLURRY, AND POLYMER COMPOSITION, COATING AGENT, PHOTOCATALYTIC FUNCTIONAL MOLDED ARTICLE AND PHOTOCATALYTIC FUNCTIONAL STRUCTURE USING THE POWDER

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 6, 2006, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 2, 3 and 5 to 19 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 2, 3 and 6-18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by the newly cited U.S. Patent 6,479,141 to Sanbayashi et al.

Applicants submit that Sanbayashi et al do not disclose the subject matter of claims 2 and claims 6 and 6 to 18 which depend, either directly or indirectly, from claim 2.

As set forth in claim 2, the present invention is directed to a photocatalytic powder comprising titanium dioxide fine particles comprising an anionically active substance, wherein